

at dances. On occasion, they would play with legendary jazz musician Louis "Satchmoll" Armstrong.

Leo studied music at Xavier University in New Orleans. He became the school's bandmaster and in 1933 organized the university's first school band. While attending Xavier, he met Sister Katherine Drexel, founder of the Order of the Blessed Sacrament who on October 1, 2000, was canonized by Pope John Paul. Little did he know the significance of their meeting at that time, but today Leo is profoundly moved by his chance encounter with this remarkable woman, a former Philadelphia socialite and philanthropist, who would become Saint Katherine.

With the outbreak of World War II, Leo volunteered for duty with the United States Navy, serving as bandmaster at Lake Pontchartrain Naval Station. For a time, Leo's band could be heard every Sunday evening on the "Skyway to Victory" radio program on New Orleans radio station WWL.

On July 16, 1937, while still in the Navy, Leo married Helena Charbonnet. The couple had three children: son, Leo, Jr., and daughters Glynis Ann and Debbie Marie. The Navy transferred Leo and his family to Treasure Island in San Francisco, California, in 1944. After the war, they returned to New Orleans where Leo taught mathematics and music at Xavier, and returned to his musical career playing lead trumpet in local bands.

After his service with the Navy ended, in 1947 Leo and Helena moved the family West to Los Angeles. There he joined the city of Los Angeles' Bureau of Music as a contractor to the Parks and Recreation Department. He provided concert, Dixieland, and "longhair" bands to the city and played with the summer circus and Dixieland bands around town. He also did studio recording work, cutting sound tracks and backing sides.

As Leo's family blossomed and musical engagements became less reliable, he went to work for the United States Postal Service, operating out of Los Angeles' famed Ambassador Hotel. He continued to play in occasional jazz sets around town and in 1975 signed with Crescent Jazz Productions to appear in their "A Night in New Orleans" European tour, featuring the New Orleans Society Orchestra and Eagle Brass Band. Leo and Helena packed their bags and went abroad, where Leo played to packed audiences in Belgium, England, Germany, and Austria. It was an unforgettable occasion that Leo holds dear to his heart.

In 1992, Leo's beloved Helena passed away. For fifty-five years, she was his best friend, the love of his life, and his soul mate. He now lives with daughter Glynis and her husband, retired Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Dion Morrow, who have welcomed him into their warm and loving home. Despite his young 89 years, Leo continues to work in the community by volunteering for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, working out of the Ladera sub-station.

When not volunteering, Leo, who will turn 90 on May 11, 2001, remains a life member of AFM Local 47. He is an active bowler and a member of the seniors clubs of Saint Bernadette Church and the Claude Pepper Senior Citizens Center. He is listed in Who's Who of American Jazz musicians, and when the spirit moves him, can often be found doing a set or two on his trumpet.

Mr. Speaker, it is a sincere pleasure to recognize the outstanding contributions of Leo John Dejan to the music industry and to jazz lovers everywhere. I am proud to call him my friend and on behalf of the residents of the 32nd Congressional District, I congratulate him on his exemplary career.

#### H.R. 4788: SMALL WATERSHED REHABILITATION

#### HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2000*

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, October 24, 2000, the other body adopted H.R. 4788, a bill that contained a number of provisions important to U.S. agriculture and the rural areas of our country.

Among other items in this bill is legislative language contained in Title I of H.R. 728, the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments, a bill Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma introduced early in this Congress. The House adopted this legislation on July 17, 2000, but it was not acted on in the other body until yesterday.

The Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 2000 will authorize the Department of Agriculture to provide cost-share funding for local sponsors to rehabilitate dams that were built with USDA assistance. Under the Act, the Secretary of Agriculture will establish a system for approving requests for rehabilitation assistance, taking into account health, safety, environmental and cost considerations. Before approving a rehabilitation project for USDA funding, the Secretary will examine and consider all feasible options for rehabilitation, which under the bill may include correcting damage or deterioration of the structure, upgrading the structural measures to meet changed land use conditions or safety needs within the watershed, and decommissioning the structure.

The legislation is clear that a local sponsor may not be required to engage in a particular form of rehabilitation, and a project may not commence unless the Secretary and the local sponsor agree on the form of rehabilitation. At the same time, the Secretary will not place any specific form of rehabilitation assistance at a disadvantage when evaluating applications for rehabilitation assistance. It is expected that NRCS will follow the normal procedures for Federal agencies for water resource planning.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, the legislation contained in H.R. 4788 for dam rehabilitation under the small watershed program is important to rural areas, and I am pleased we have sent it on to the President for enactment. I commend the gentleman from Oklahoma, Congressman FRANK LUCAS, who is a valued member of the House Agriculture Committee, for his hard work and dedication to this issue.

#### RETIREMENT OF HON. TILLIE FOWLER

SPEECH OF

#### HON. OWEN B. PICKETT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2000*

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my colleague for whom I have

a profound sense of respect, the Honorable TILLIE FOWLER of Florida. Congresswoman FOWLER has a long and distinguished career of public service. TILLIE came to Washington to help secure the futures of our children by tackling and improving such things as education and defense. It is with the latter, that I have had the privilege to work closely with Tillie on the Armed Services Committee.

TILLIE's expertise in the field of defense and national security came as a result of her passion, dedication and commitment to our proud men and women who serve today in the armed services. As the Representative from the Jacksonville area, she has been a well-spoken advocate for our soldiers, sailors and marines standing watch, and has continuously worked to improve quality of life and readiness of our forces. She has earned respect from both sides of the aisle for her unrelenting efforts to make a difference in the lives of our children.

Congresswoman FOWLER will be missed in the House of Representatives in January 2001. I wish the best for her and her family in the future challenges they face, and thank her for her service to Florida and the United States.

#### IN HONOR OF MR. MICHAEL CUDAHY

#### HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2000*

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Michael Cudahy, a distinguished constituent from Milwaukee.

Mr. Cudahy is a highly successful businessman whose innovation and hard work resulted in the founding of Marquette Medical Systems. His company is not only a leader in global production of medical diagnostic equipment, it has provided citizens of Wisconsin with jobs for 33 years.

In addition to his business savvy, Mr. Cudahy has donated his personal resources to programs and institutions that work to better the Milwaukee community. In 1996, Mr. Cudahy donated \$4 million to the construction of Discovery World and IMAX theater. The theater presents a signature film that guides the audience on an educational tour of Milwaukee, before each of its feature films. The film was created and narrated by Mr. Cudahy.

In the spirit of education, Mr. Cudahy contributed \$10 million to Marquette University for a mathematics and computer science building. Additionally, he donated \$2.5 million to the Medical College of Wisconsin for a cardiovascular center. Mr. Cudahy, who believes that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," he has worked to improve the quality of life for children in Milwaukee.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee received a generous contribution of 55 acres and \$5.5 million from Mr. Cudahy in 1998. The 55 acres that were once part of Mr. Cudahy's childhood home have been used to build the John C. Cudahy YMCA, a recreation facility that provides educational and fitness programs to area youth. Most recently, Mr. Cudahy made history with his \$3 million donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee. The contribution was the largest ever received